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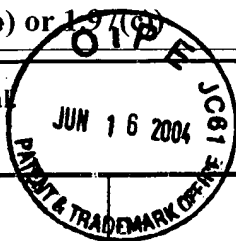
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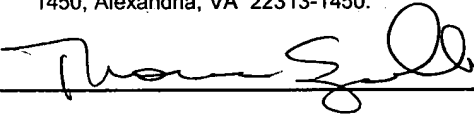
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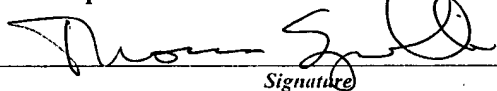
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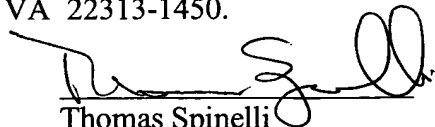
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1. U.S. Patent No. US 6,188,783, dated February 13, 2001, issued to Balaban et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. US 6,235,476, dated May 22, 2001, issued to Bergmann et al.;
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References 3 and 4 are cited in the specification. Copies of references 3 and 4 are enclosed. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references 1 and 2.

Also enclosed is a Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report dated January 24, 2003. Please note that the references cited in the Preliminary Examination Report were filed in the Information Disclosure Statement dated January 30, 2004.

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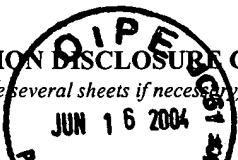
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